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Mr. J. M. Johnston.

Dear Sir. –

Your no. 1446 is Allium Brewerii. It has never been reported south of Mt. Hamilton and I glad to have this new station for record.

Your no. 1484 I cannot separate from your no. 1490. The two seem quite alike, not differing essentially. Hall 1497, Mt. San Antonio is the same (6700 ft.). These plants are rather close to Allium tribracteatum, but for the present may be kept distinct. I see no reason for supposing that they are not the same

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as Allium Burleui Davidson. The description of that species is not very full, but it seems to me unlikely that Burleu's plants are different. The manner of your sending implies that you may have found in the field differences between your 1484 and 1490. Sometimes differences are readily observed in the field, which in drying become obscure or easily overlooked. And field notes of this kind would of course be valuable.

Since you have sent your specimens to Mr. Jones, I am a bit reluctant to pass upon them myself as I do not wish to be placed in the position of criticizing his determinations, even by implication. With most any other botanist it would be different,

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but Mr. Jones sees fit to assail in the public prints with the utmost malignity any one who differs in conclusions. No botanist would willingly expose himself to such attacks.

Yours very Sincerely

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